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RECYCLING MATTERS

FOR A WASTE-FREE COLLAR CITY

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12 R's of 2022

As with our other Rs, we've discussed that there are lots of ways to keep items out of the landfill, and even out of the recycling bin! There are so many community organizations, individuals, non-profits, and businesses within Troy whose decisions positively impact us all. This month's feature is Oakwood Community Center. As mentioned on their website, "At Oakwood Community Center, we envision a city where strangers become neighbors, and neighbors join together for the common good."

Rehome

If you've repainted items in your home, but they still don't give you that spark you're looking for, maybe it's time to think of this month's R, rehome.

Whether you've tried your hand at painting, or whether you don't want or need a particular item anymore, there are some great options to get your unwanted, but still usable items, into the hands (and homes) of others.

Some stats about household goods, according to the U.S. EPA:

- 80% of furniture in 2018 was landfilled (9.7 thousand tons)
- 2,460 tons of carpets and rugs were brought to the landfill in 2018
- Out of 2.2 million tons of small appliances generated in 2018, only 5.6% of them were recycled

There are both online and in-person options to find new homes for your household items, listed below:

For Donation:

- Oakwood Community Center (read on to learn more!)
- Troy Area United Ministries
- Capital Region Furniture Bank
- Goodwill

For Sale:

- Facebook Marketplace
- eBay
- Craigslist
- Poshmark (clothing, shoes, accessories)
- thredUP (clothing, shoes, accessories)



Pictured: a yellow floor lamp behind a green couch; a mint green toaster oven, a yellow wok pan, and a blue rice cooker.

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Community News

Oakwood Community Center

Oakwood Community Center's history of supporting community is seen through their sustainability efforts. We spoke with Victoria Kerezsi, the Center's Free Store Coordinator, to learn about several of their programs.

Kerezsi always had an interest in starting a thrift or free store, and was approached by Executive Director, Shanna Goldman, to get the ball rolling in 2021. Now in 2022, their Free Store provides community members with both clothing and housewares once a month.

"We were able to take over a space to set up permanently. Clothing, items, and housewares, all in the downstairs of Oakwood," Kerezsi said.



Pictured: A tall rack of shoes against the yellow wall of Oakwood's free store.

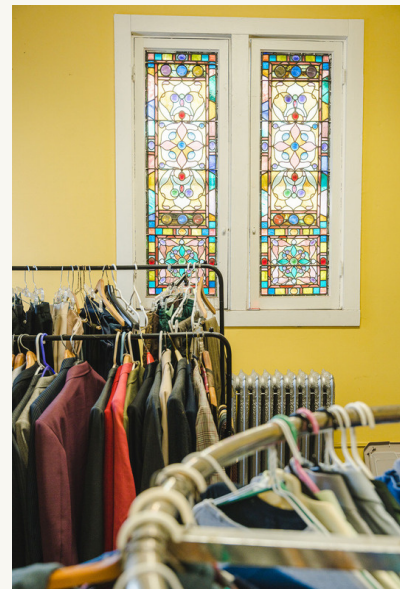
Community members can visit the free store on the second Saturday of each month, during their food pantry hours - 9am to 11am. All are welcome. Clothing donations are accepted twice a year, and special announcements for other needed items are posted on the center's Facebook page.

"If people aren't in need or aren't using the food pantry, they are definitely still welcome to come to the free store," Kerezsi said,

In addition to their free store, Oakwood also had a program called Soul Cafe, which used culled produce.

"Culled produce is the produce that doesn't look perfect in a grocery store; the stuff people may not buy because there's a bruise or a bump, but it's still perfectly good to eat," Kerezsi explained.

Community members gathered to share recipes and a good meal, all while using produce which may have gone to waste otherwise. Soul Cafe is temporarily paused. "[Soul Cafe] is this really nice, community experience. Hopefully we'll be able to do it outside once that space is ready."



Pictured: racks of clothing in front of a stained glass window in Oakwood's free store.

Kerezsi asks community members to consider donating unwanted items before throwing them away. "There are so many people who come through the free store who are so appreciative for something like a baking pan. 'Oh, I haven't been able to cook since I lost all my stuff in a fire.'"

For regular updates from Oakwood Community Center, follow them on Facebook at @OakwoodCommunityCenter

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Household Hazardous Waste Event

Register Now

Registration is open for the first household hazardous waste disposal event of 2022. The City of Troy partnered with Rensselaer County and the Town of Bethlehem for an inter-county series of disposal events. The first will be held on Saturday, June 11th at the Troy Resource Management Facility (Alamo) at 3000 Main Street.

The following link is for Troy residents to register ONLY: www.troyny.gov/hhw If you do not have access to the internet, you may call (518) 279-7313 and we will manually register you.

Expansion of Troy Resource Management Facility's Hours

The Troy Resource Management Facility's (formerly known as the Alamo) hours have expanded to include Tuesdays! You can access the following services both Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 AM to 1 PM:

- Food scraps drop-off
- Brush, branches, and bagged leaves drop-off
- Wood chip pick-up
- Pallet pick-up
(make your own backyard composter!)



Pictured: several autumn leaves, a wooden pallet, and a blue bucket full of food scraps.

Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY-BASED SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

TROY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FACILITY (ALAMO) OPEN

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 9 TO 1

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP @ TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY - LANSINGBURGH

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/COMPOST-WORKSHOP-REGISTRATION](https://bit.ly/compost-workshop-registration)

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED: WWW.TROYNYS.GOV/HHW

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